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>Chairman Phil Isenberg
>MLPA Task Force
>c/o Resources Agency
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>
>via E-Mail
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>Dear Chairman Isenberg:
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>I am writing on behalf of the 2,500 members of the Santa Lucia Chapter
>of the Sierra Club to urge the MLPA task force to endorse Package 2 as
>the environmentally preferable alternative, and the clearly preferable
>alternative to Package S, in the establishment of marine protected
>areas off the Central Coast.
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>Package S represents the dead minimum size possible for the network and
>will fail to protect the broad spectrum of marine species that was the
>objective of the MLPA process at its inception. Package S is NOT
>"ecosystem management," nor does it succeed on its own terms of
>protecting socio-economic benefits, as its inadequate protections would
>actually harm eco-tourism and non-consumptive recreation (diving).
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>Please observe the primary tenet of wildlife biology: size matters.
>A network of small reserves will not achieve the goals of the MLPA, and
>will do more harm than good in several locations.
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>Package 2 will secure all the goals the Task Force was created to
>achieve, including the socio-economic goals of the fishing industry, as
>the creation of reserves of adequate size will replenish the fisheries
>they depend on for their livelihood.
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>Sincerely,
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